

**REMARKS**

The present amendment is being filed in combination with a Request for Continued Examination. An Office Action Rejection dated June 3, 2005 rejected claims 1-10 and 14-16 that are currently pending in the application.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiners time during a telephone interview on August 11, 2005. The interview included a discussion primarily focusing on claims 1 and claims 14. Discussions regarding claim 1 focused on amending the claim to include immediately stopping the movement of the media sheet upon detection of a media jam. Discussion regarding claim 14 focused on the previous amendment of storing within the controller statistical information indicating the likely locations for media jams.

Claims 1-10 and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,011,936 (hereinafter Kaneko). Kaneko discloses a method of recovering media sheets from a jammed image forming apparatus. The location of the media sheets is determined by one or more sensors positioned along the media path and an encoder or internal clock associated with the driving motor. The position is detected each time the sheet moves through a sensor, and intermediate positions are calculated based on the encoder or clock pulses and the time since moving past the last sensor. The location of the media sheets are tracked as they move along the media path and a jam is detected when the media sheet does not reach one of the sensors within a preset count. **At the time of the jam, an optimum stop position of the sheet is determined to more easily remove the sheet from the apparatus. After detecting the jam and determining the location of the media sheet, the media sheet is then moved along the media path until it reaches the optimum stop position. At this point, the driving motor stops and the sheet is deposited at the optimum position (Col. 8, lines 23-36).**

Claim 1 has now been amended to include the step of **immediately stopping** the movement of the media sheet upon detection of the media jam. The position of the media sheet

is determined at the immediate stopping point, and the access point is determined for accessing the immediate stopping point. This current amendment differentiates claim 1 from Kaneko and places the claim in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-6 which depend from claim 1 are also now in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 has also been amended to now include the step of **immediately stopping** movement of a number of media sheets upon detecting a media jam. This amendment differentiates claim 7 from Kaneko and places the claim in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 8-10 which depend from claim 7 are also now in condition for allowance.


Claim 14 was previously amended to include storing statistical information within the controller indicating the likely location for media jams. When a jam is detected, the section where each of the sheets is located is determined based on the statistical information. In rejecting claim 14, the Examiner cites to Kaneko Col. 2, lines 44-55 for disclosing storing statistical information within the controller of the likely locations for media jams. The Examiner further cites to Kaneko Col. 2, lines 1-19 for disclosing the step of determining where the media sheets are located at the time of the jam based on the statistical information. However, these sections do not disclose either storing statistical information of the likely jam locations, or determining where the jammed sheets are located based on the statistical information. The Applicants disagree with the rejection of this claim and believe the claim language as previously amended is not anticipated by Kaneko and is in condition for allowance. Further, dependent claims 15 and 16 which depend from claim 14 are also not anticipated by Kaneko and in condition for allowance.

For the forgoing reason, it is respectfully urged that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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